

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action dated December 6, 2007, the Examiner objected to claim 15 for depending from a canceled claim; rejected claims 1-4, 8-16, 21-31, and 36-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,389,058 to Cadwell ("Cadwell"); and allowed claims 19, 20, 34, and 35.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 19 to correct a typographical error, has amended claims 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 15, and 16 to depend from allowable claim 19, has canceled claims 10, 13, 21-31, and 36-52 without prejudice, and has added new claims 53-58, which depend either directly or indirectly from allowable claim 19. Accordingly, claims 2-4, 6, 9, 11, 15, 16, 19, 20, 34, 35, and 53-58 are currently pending in this application.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 15 for depending from a canceled claim. Applicant submits that the Examiner's objection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 15. Thus, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw this objection.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-4, 8-16, 21-31, and 36-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cadwell. While Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of these claims, in order to expedite prosecution and the allowance of the application, Applicant has canceled claims 10, 13, 21-31, and 36-52 without prejudice and has amended claims 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 15, and 16 to depend from allowable claim 19, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 2-4, 6, 9, 11, 15, 16, 19, 20, 34, 35, and 53-58 in condition for allowance. Applicant submits that the proposed amendment of claim 19,

made to correct a typographical error, and to claims 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 15, and 16 does not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully points out that the final action by the Examiner presented some new arguments as to the application of the art against Applicant's invention. It is respectfully submitted that the entering of the Amendment would allow the Applicant to reply to the final rejections and place the application in condition for allowance.

Finally, Applicant submits that the entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicant therefore requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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